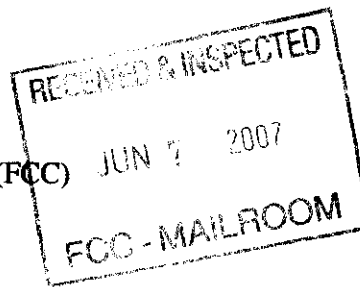


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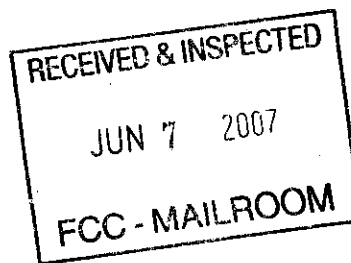
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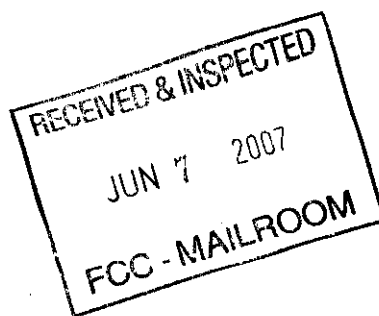
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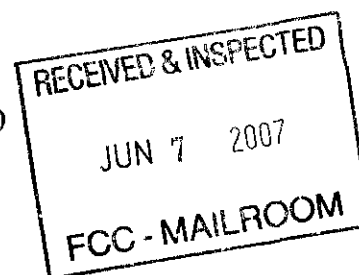
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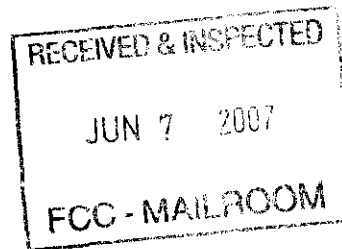
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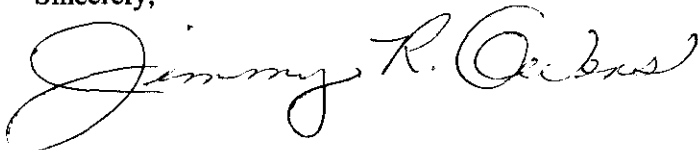
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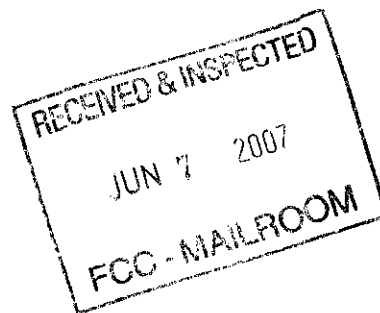


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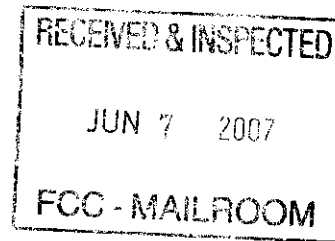
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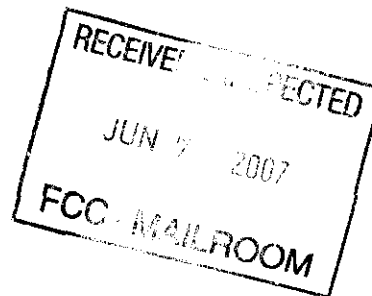
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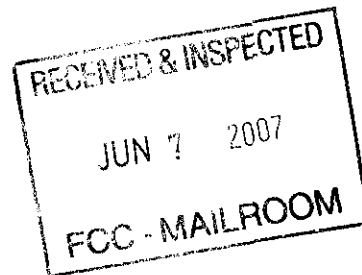
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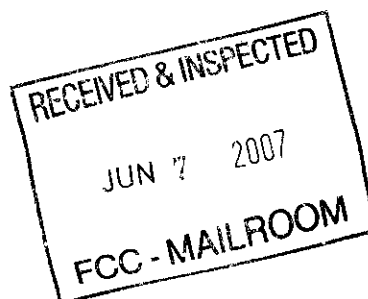
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Printed Name

Vicki Windham

Address

2166 Cedar View Dr

City

Front Royal

State

VA

Zip

22630

Email

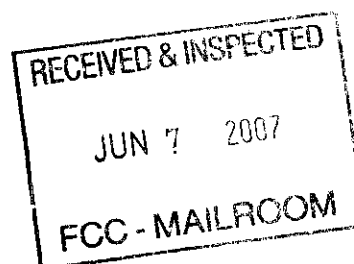
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*Gerald Harrell*

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257 Melrose St

710 11706

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Order To be To Place and Receive  
Phone.

Maria C. Hill - 623-845-5504  
Ann H. Myers - Email Address :  
AnnHolly61@tmo.Blackberry.  
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MARIA C. HILL  
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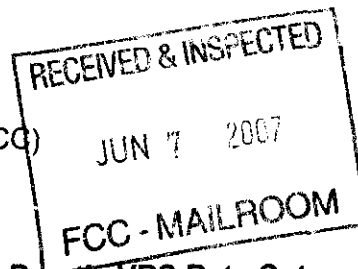
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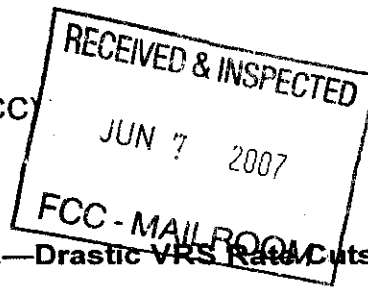
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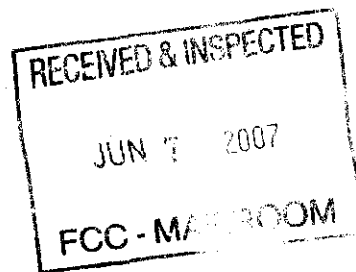
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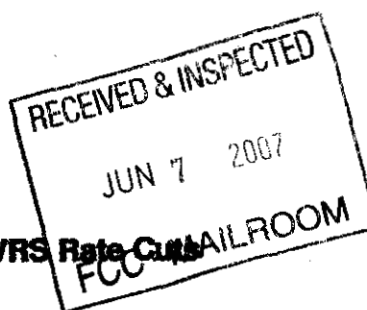
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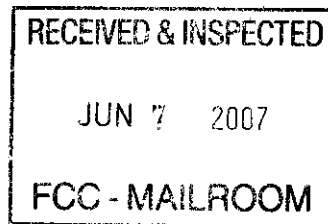
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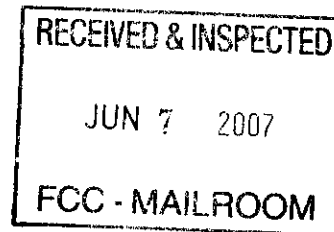
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Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
Re: CG 03-123  
445 Twelfth Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554



Mr. Kevin Martin,

I am deaf, and I need VRS to be able to place phone calls with hearing individuals. Please do not cut funding for VRS, but, instead, create a fair and predictable VRS rate for the next three years.

Really it helps me to communicate thru those interpreter, making a call to a hearing person. This makes me understand better than using California Relay Service on TTY/TDD is hard to type up over the TTY/TDD from causing lots of misunderstands and taking too longer. But use VRS is amazing! VRS save my time!

Thank you so much

Cynthia L Wiencek

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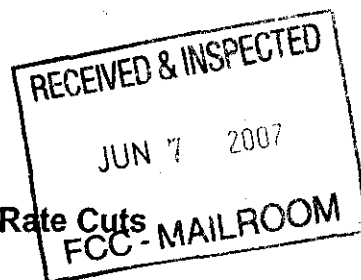
Email: [WHusky50@aol.com](mailto:WHusky50@aol.com)

VRS 1.866.327.8877 via 714.633.3676

Thanks again!

May 07

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Signature

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Printed Name

Janet Gonzalez

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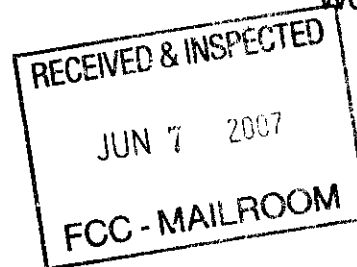
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June 1, 2007



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Dear Sir:

First of all, let me establish the fact that I have a vested interest in making the following complaints, since I am the grandfather of a deaf 19-year-old man who is suddenly facing the threat of losing a blessing of technology that has enabled him to communicate with the majority of American society for some time now, because of a wonderful innovation of communication technology known as the **Video Relay System** for telephones.

For the sake of two members of Congress to whom I shall forward this letter, I shall tell you how marvelous and essential this communication system is for the deaf. I can call my grandson on this Video Relay System and give him a spoken message, and then the video-relay operator (well-trained in American Sign Language) transcribes my words into sign. My grandson then, instantaneously, gives me a reply, which is given to me by the operator in voice. Can you see how my grandson can make his own doctor or dentist appointments, or talk to clients or employers, or call school personnel, and be as articulate as a hearing person?

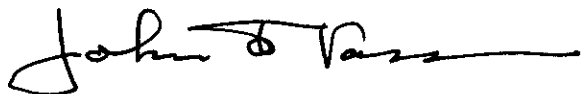
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I currently see major strides on the part of government and business to provide other languages in addition to English on merchandise labels, signs, legal documents and even in driving tests. All of these are good examples of trying to give people with a communication disadvantage (temporary or permanent) the opportunity to get along effectively in a nation that doesn't speak their language. If this is your policy, then what in heaven's name are you doing to the deaf?

My U.S. Senator, Carl Levin, I'm sure, does not remember how instrumental he was in securing much needed medical care for a 3-month-old deaf infant with many other problems, so he would have the best chance possible to make it in a society that might not be too sympathetic with his plight. Senator Levin was, however. God bless him for that! The 3-month-old is now my 19 year old grandson! I am also certain that he and my Congressman, John Dingell, will also be interested in this proposed policy change of yours.

I implore you not to take away this ability and right to speak from the deaf population of the United States!

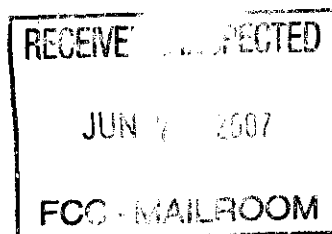
Yours most sincerely,

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John F. Vass

cc: Senator Carl Levin  
Rep. John D. Dingell

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From:

ROBERT GAROFALO  
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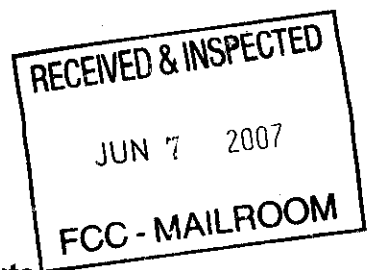
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